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SUBJECT: ITU LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE

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1. SOURCE OF DATA IS OFFICIAL CONFERENCE COMPUTER PRINTOUT WHICH AVAILABLE THIS MORNING, AND UPON WHICH PLAN IS TO BE BASED. COMPUTER SHOWS GREEK STATION AT ATHENS ON 729 KHZ LIMITED TO AN EFFECTIVE COVERAGE AREA OF 26 KILOMETERS DURING THE NIGHTTIME HOURS. MAIN SOURCE OF INTERFERENCE IS SHOWN AS UAE STATION, WITH SERIAL NUMBER 0136.

2. GREEK DEL THIS MORNING DISCUSSED SITUATION ON AN URGENT BASIS WITH UAE DEL. GREEKS SUGGESTED UAE STATION MOVE TO 1197 KHZ, WITH A DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA PROTECTING EUROPE WITH AT LEAST -10 DB. THIS ARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED TO GREEKS BY US TEAM, WITH US WILLING TO ACCEPT UAE CO-CHANNEL WITH VOA STATION IN MUNICH, IF APPROPRIATE DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA
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USED. THIS SEEMS TO BE BETTER FREQUENCY FOR UAE THAN 729

HKZ, BUT UAE DEL TURNED SUGGESTION DOWN.

3. UNDERSTAND THAT GREEK DEL WILL NOW APPROACH ITU FOR SUGGESTIONS, BUT THIS NOT LIKELY TO BE FRUITFUL.

4. TIME IS RUNNING OUT, WE DOUBT IF ANY CHANGES POSSIBLE AFTER TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 18. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORT YOU CAN MAKE TO PERSUADE UAE OFFICIALS THAT CHANGE TO 1197 KHZ WILL BE IN THEIR INTEREST. AS LAST ALTERNATIVE, ALSO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND UAE AFTER CONFERENCE, SINCE THERE WILL BE A PROCEDURE FOR MAKING CHANGES TO THE PLAN AT A LATER DATE, BUT AGREEMENT ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANY CHANGE COULD BE MADE.DALE

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